

To the members of the labor committee:

My name is Shirley Grant and I am a retired nurse. I worked at Milford Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit for 42 years. I retired in 2000. Today I am surviving on social security and small payments from Milford Hospital's retirement plan. My husband wasn't able to save for retirement in any program, or receive social security, because he was a self-employed locksmith supporting our two children.

When I retired, I stipulated that if anything should happen to me, my husband should be the beneficiary of my retirement plan payments. That decision meant that when, just a year after I retired, he fell ill and passed away, the amount I receive from that retirement plan is reduced.

My situation underscores the need for a simple, public retirement plan that doesn't charge fees or complicated mechanisms that an average worker can't understand. The 'retirement for all' plan would ensure that workers like my husband, who where self-employed, have a way to save for retirement. Thank you for your time.

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Everyone deserves a secure retirement. I have worked for more than 40 years, and while I have diligently put away retirement accounts, I do not believe they'll sustain me for my lifetime. You can say I should have done more, but my best efforts are enough. And I am in a better position than millions of Americans. The extraordinary cost of health care and the high cost of living makes retirement an unattainable dream.

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